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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132 effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Examiner Name Dilinh P. Nguyen  
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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.**

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

a.  Previously submitted  
i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 previously filed on February 22, 2002.  
ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .  
iii.  Other:

b.  Enclosed  
i.  Amendment/Reply  
ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS); PTO Form 1449; Cited Reference(s)  
iv.  Other: A Request for One Month Extension of Time (1 pg.)

**2. Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)  
b.  Other: A return postcard

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 501373 for any additional fees not covered by the check(s) enclosed herewith

b.  Checks in the amount of \$740.00 and \$110.00 are enclosed for RCE fee and extension of time fees respectively.

c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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